

America Initiative (by a recorded vote of 98 ayes to 322 noes, Roll No. 138); and **Pages H1646–59**

Ryan (WI) amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 3 printed in H. Rept. 110–548) that sought to balance the budget by 2012, retain provisions enacted in 2001/2003, prevent expansion of the AMT for the next 3 years, and achieve full repeal in 2013. Provides total discretionary budget authority of \$1.04 trillion in fiscal year 2009, a 4.3-percent increase from 2008 enacted level. It imposes a moratorium on congressional earmarks for the balance of the 110th Congress; requires a separate vote on increasing the public debt; requires cost estimates on conference reports and unreported bills; prohibits domestic add-ons to emergency war spending bills; limits long-term spending commitments; prevents use of reconciliation to increase spending; limits “advance appropriations” to \$23.565 billion in 2010; provides a \$7.3-billion domestic emergency reserve fund; provides for contingency war funds; incorporates bipartisan Legislative Line Item Veto. Calls for 1 percent decrease in entitlement program spending (by a recorded vote of 157 ayes to 263 noes, Roll No. 140). **Pages H1661–80**

H. Res. 1036, the rule providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution, was agreed to on Wednesday, March 12th.

Oath of Office—Seventh Congressional District of Indiana: Representative-elect André Carson presented himself in the well of the House and was administered the Oath of Office by the Speaker. Earlier, the Clerk of the House transmitted a facsimile copy of a letter from Mr. Matthew Tusing, Deputy Secretary of State, Office of the Indiana Secretary of State, indicating that, according to the unofficial results of the Special Election held on March 11, 2008, the Honorable André Carson was elected Representative to Congress for the Seventh Congressional District, State of Indiana. **Pages H1660, H1699**

Whole Number of the House: The Speaker announced to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath to the gentleman from Indiana, Mr. André Carson, the whole number of the House is adjusted to 431. **Page H1660**

Call of the House: The Speaker called the House to order and ascertained the presence of a quorum (384 present, Roll No. 139). **Pages H16760–61**

Suspension—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure which was debated on Wednesday, March 12th:

Recognizing the exceptional sacrifice of the 69th Infantry Regiment, known as the Fighting 69th, in support of the Global War on Terror: H. Res.

991, recognizing the exceptional sacrifice of the 69th Infantry Regiment, known as the Fighting 69th, in support of the Global War on Terror, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nay vote of 406 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 142. **Page H1684**

Pension Protection Technical Corrections Act of 2007: Agreed by unanimous consent that the Clerk be authorized to engross H.R. 3361, to make technical corrections related to the Pension Protection Act of 2006, in the form of the bill placed at the desk. **Pages H1685–90**

Order of Procedure: Agreed by unanimous consent that it be in order, on the legislative day of March 13, 2008, at a time to be determined by the Speaker, that the House resolve itself into a secret session as though pursuant to clause 9, rule XVII; that debate held in secret session continue for not to exceed one hour, equally divided and controlled; and at the conclusion of that debate, the secret session shall be dissolved. **Pages H1690–99**

Agreed by unanimous consent that when the secret session of the House is dissolved pursuant to the previous order of the House, the House stand adjourned. **Page H1699**

Recess: The House recessed at 7:33 p.m. and at 10:11 p.m., the House began proceedings held in secret session. **Page H1699**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Four yeas-and-nay votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1626, H1626–27, H1645–46, H1659, H1680, H1683–84, and H1684. One quorum call (Roll No. 139) developed during the proceedings of today and appears on pages H1660–61

Adjournment: The House met at 10:30 a.m. and adjourned at 11:09 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURE, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, FDA APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a hearing on FNCS Budget. Testimony was heard from Nancy Montanez Johnner, Under Secretary, Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services, USDA.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a hearing on Navy Posture. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: Donald C. Winter, Secretary; ADM Gary Roughead, USN, Chief of Naval Operations;

and LTG James T. Conway, USMC, Deputy Commandant of the Marine Corps.

The Subcommittee also met in executive session to hold a hearing on Navy Acquisition. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Navy: John S. Thackrah, Assistant Secretary; VADM Barry McCullough, USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Integration of Capabilities and Resources (N8); and LTG James F. Amos, USMC, Deputy Commandant, Combat Development and Integration.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development held a hearing on DOE—Science Research. Testimony was heard from Raymond L. Orbach, Under Secretary, Science, Department of Energy.

FINANCIAL SERVICES, GENERAL GOVERNMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services, and General Government held a hearing on Supreme Court. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Supreme Court of the United States: Anthony Kennedy; and Clarence Thomas, both Associate Justices.

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Federal Emergency Management Agency—Is the agency on the right track? Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: David R. Paulison, Administrator, FEMA; and Matt Jadacki, Deputy Inspector General; and public witnesses.

INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing U.S. House of Representatives Budget. Testimony was heard from the

following officers of the House of Representatives: Daniel Beard, CAO; Lorraine Miller, Clerk; and Wilson Livingood, Sergeant-at-Arms.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS' AFFAIRS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies on Air Force Budget. Testimony was heard from GEN T. Michael Moseley, USAF, Chief of Staff, U.S. Air Force.

The Subcommittee also continued appropriation hearings. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EUROPEAN, SOUTHERN AND AFRICA COMMAND BUDGET

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2009 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for the U.S. European Command, Southern Command and Africa Command. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: GEN Bantz J. Craddock, USA, Commander, U.S. European Command; ADM James Stavridis, USN, Commander, U.S. Southern Command; and GEN William E. Ward, USA, Commander, U.S. Africa Command.

DEFENSE DEPARTMENT ENERGY POSTURE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing on Department of Defense Energy Posture. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Wayne Arny, Deputy Under Secretary, Installations and Environment; Chris DiPetto, Deputy Director, Systems and Software Engineering (Development Test and Evaluation), Office of the Under Secretary (Acquisition and Technology); and GEN Michael P. C. Carns, USAF (Ret.), Chairman, Defense Science Board Task Force on Energy Strategy; and David M. Walker, Comptroller General, GAO.

IRREGULAR WARFARE THREAT ENVIRONMENT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on Fiscal Year 2009 National Defense Authorization Budget Request—Department of Defense Science and Technology: Responding to the 21st Century Irregular Warfare Threat Environment. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Allan Shaffer, Principle Deputy Director, Defense Research and Engineering; Thomas H. Killion, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Research and Technology, Department of the Army; RADM William Landay, III, USN, Chief of Naval

Research, Assistant Deputy Commandant of the Marine Corps for Science, Technology and Engineering, Director, Test, Evaluation and Technology Requirements; Terry Jagers, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Science, Technology and Engineering, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Acquisition; and Anthony J. Tether, Director, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency.

BLACK COLLEGES OUTLOOK

Committee on Education and Labor: Held a hearing on America's Black Colleges and Universities: Models of Excellence and Challenges for the Future. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3754, To authorize the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to accept, as part of a settlement, diesel emission reduction Supplemental Environmental Projects, and for other purposes; H.R. 1198, amended, Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Act of 2007; H.R. 2464, amended, Wakefield Act; H.R. 1237, amended, Cytology Proficiency Improvement Act of 2007; H.R. 3701, amended, Keeping Seniors Safe From Falls Act of 2007; H.R. 2063, amended, Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis, Management Act of 2007; H.R. 3825, amended, Newborn Screening Saves Lives Act of 2007; and H.R. 1418, amended, Reauthorization of the Traumatic Brain Injury Act.

COMMERCE BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Held a hearing entitled "Department of Commerce Budget for Fiscal Year 2009." Testimony was heard from Carlos M. Gutierrez, Secretary of Commerce.

CREDIT CARDHOLDERS' BILL OF RIGHTS

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Financial Institutions and Consumer Credit held a hearing on The Credit Cardholders' Bill of Rights: Providing New Protections for Consumers. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

REDUCING GLOBAL CHILD MORTALITY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health held a hearing on Child Survival: The Unfinished Agenda to Reduce Global Child Mortality. Testimony was heard from Kent R. Hill, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Global Health, U.S. Agency for International Development, Department of State; former Senator William H. Frist of Tennessee; and public witnesses.

WAR POWERS—CONGRESSIONAL PERSPECTIVE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight held a hearing on War Powers for the 21st

Century: The Congressional Perspective. Testimony was heard from Representatives Jones of North Carolina; and former Representatives Mickey Edwards of Oklahoma; and David E. Skaggs of Colorado.

THREAT ASSESSMENT AND COORDINATION GROUP

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing and Terrorism Risk Assessment held a hearing entitled "Making Homeland Security Intelligence Work for State, Local, and Tribal Partners: An Interagency Threat Assessment Coordination Group (ITACG) Progress Report." Testimony was heard from Thomas E. McNamara, Program Manager, Information Sharing Environment, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; Michael E. Leiter, Acting Director, National Counterterrorism Center; Charles E. Allen, Under Secretary, Intelligence and Analysis, Department of Homeland Security; and Wayne Murphy, Assistant Director, Directorate of Intelligence, FBI, Department of Justice.

ORPHAN WORKS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property held a hearing on Promoting the Use of Orphan Works: Balancing the Interests of Copyright Owners and Users. Testimony was heard from Marybeth Peters, Register of Copyrights, U.S. Copyright Office, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—OFF-ROAD VEHICLES ON FEDERAL LAND

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Forests and Public Lands held an oversight hearing on the Impacts of Unmanaged Off-Road Vehicles on Federal Land. Testimony was heard from Henri Bisson, Deputy Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; Joel Holtrop, Deputy Chief, National Forest System, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 317, Arkansas Valley Conduit Act; H.R. 4841, Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians Settlement Act; and H.R. 5293, Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Reservation Water Rights Settlement Act. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of the Interior: Majel Russell, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs; the following officials of the Bureau of Reclamation: Karl Wirkus, Deputy Commissioner for Operations; and Robert Johnson, Commissioner; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Ordered reported the following measures: S. 550, To preserve existing judgeships on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia; H.R. 5551, To amend title 11, District of Columbia Official Code, to implement the increase provided under the District of Columbia Appropriations Act, 2008, in the amount of funds made available for the compensation of attorneys representing indigent defendants in the District of Columbia courts; H.R. 4106, amended, Telework Improvements Act of 2007; H.R. 2780, to amend section 8339(p) of title 5, United States Code, to clarify the method for computing certain annuities under the Civil Service Retirement System which are based on part-time service; H.R. 4881, Contracting and Tax Accountability Act of 2007; H.R. 3033, amended, Contractors and Federal Spending Accountability Act of 2007; H.R. 3928, as amended, Government Contractor Accountability Act of 2007; H.R. 3548, amended, Plain Language in Government Communications Act of 2007; H. Con. Res. 310, Expressing support for a national day of remembrance for Harriet Ross Tubman; H. Res. 578, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that there should be established a National Watermelon Month; H. Res. 886, amended, Expressing sympathy to the victims and families of the tragic acts of violence in Colorado Springs, Colorado and Arvada, Colorado; H. Res. 892, amended, Expressing support for designation of March 11, 2008, as "National Funeral Directors and Mortician Recognition Day"; H. Res. 952, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that there should be established a National Teacher Day to honor and celebrate teachers in the United States; H. Res. 994, amended, Expressing support for the designation of a National Glanzmann's Thrombasthenia Awareness Day; H. Res. 1005, amended, Supporting the goals and ideals of Borderling Personality Awareness Month; H. Res. 1016, amended, Expressing the condolences of the House of Representatives on the death of William F. Buckley, Jr; H. Res. 1021, amended, Supporting the goals, ideals, and history of National Women's History Month; H.R. 4185, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11151 Valley Boulevard in El Monte, California, as the "Marisol Heredia Post Office Building;" H.R. 5395, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 11001 Dunklin Drive in St. Louis, Missouri, as the "William "Bill" Clay Post Office Building;" H.R. 5472, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2650 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, as the "Julia M. Carson Post Office Building;" H.R. 5479, To designate the

facility of the United States Postal Service located at 117 North Kidd Street in Ionia, Michigan, as the "Alonzo Woodruff Post Office Building;" H.R. 5483, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 10449 White Granite Drive in Oakton, Virginia, as the "Private First Class David H. Sharrett II Post Office Building;" H.R. 5489, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 6892 Main Street in Gloucester, Virginia, as the "Congresswoman Jo Ann S. Davis Post Office;" H.R. 5517, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 7231 FM 1960 in Humble, Texas, as the "Texas Military Veterans Post Office;" and H.R. 5528, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 120 Commercial Street in Brockton, Massachusetts, as the "Rocky Marciano Post Office Building."

GENETICALLY ENGINEERED PLANT CONTAMINATION COSTS

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Domestic Policy held a hearing on Is USDA Accounting for Costs to Farmers Caused by Contamination from Genetically Engineered Plants? Testimony was heard from Cindy Smith, Administrator, Animal and Plant Inspection Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY OFFICE ACT OF 2007

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, Postal Services and the District of Columbia held a hearing on H.R. 3268, Government Accountability Office Act of 2007. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the GAO: Gene Dodaro, Acting Comptroller General; Paul Coran, Chairman, and Anne Wagner, General Counsel, both with the Personnel Appeals Board; and Shirley Jones, Employee Advisory Counsel; Curtis Copeland, Specialist in American National Government, CRS, Library of Congress; and public witnesses.

EPA LIBRARY CLOSURES

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Investigations and Oversight held a hearing on EPA Library Closures: Better Access for a Broader Audience? Testimony was heard from John Stephenson, Director, Natural Resources and Environment, GAO; and public witnesses.

NASA SCIENCE PROGRAMS BUDGET

Committee on Science and Technology: Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics held a hearing on NASA's Science Programs: Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Request and Issues. Testimony was heard from S. Alan Stern,

Associate Administrator, Science Mission Directorate, NASA; and public witnesses.

SMALL BUSINESS INNOVATION RESEARCH PROGRAM

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled "Legislation to Reauthorize the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program. Testimony was heard from Steven C. Preston, Administrator, SBA; and public witnesses.

U.S. PARALYMPIC MILITARY PROGRAM

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity held a hearing on U.S. Paralympic Military Program. Testimony was heard from Danny D. Scott, M.D., Physical and Rehabilitation Service, Denver VA Medical Center, Department of Veterans Affairs; representatives of veterans organizations; and public witnesses.

VA POST IN-PATIENT CARE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Care of Seriously Wounded After In-Patient Care. Testimony was heard from Madhulika Agarwal, M.D., Chief Patient Care Services Officer, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

IRS BUDGET/TAX SEASON

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing on 2008 tax return filing season, IRS operations the fiscal Year 2009 budget proposals, and National Taxpayer Advocate's Annual Report. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the IRS, Department of the Treasury: Linda Stiff, Acting Commissioner; and Nina E. Olson, National Taxpayer Advocate.

OVERHEAD ARCHITECTURE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a hearing on Overhead Architecture. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

BRIEFINGS—HOT SPOTS AND SOUTHWEST BORDER SECURITY

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Human Intelligence, Analysis and Counterintelligence, met in executive session to receive a briefing on Hot Spots. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

The Subcommittee also met in executive session to receive a briefing on Southwest Border Security. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

EPA—IMPLICATIONS OF SUPREME COURT DECISION

Select Committee on Energy Independence and Global Warming: Held a hearing entitled "Massachusetts v U.S. EPA Part II: Implications of the Supreme Court Decision." Testimony was heard from Stephen L. Johnson, Administrator, EPA; from the following officials of the State of Kansas: Josh Svaty, member of the House; and Roderick Bermby, Secretary, Department of Health and Environment; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

MUSEUM OF THE HISTORY OF POLISH JEWS

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded a hearing to examine Poland's Museum of the History of Polish Jews, after receiving testimony from Sigmund Rolat, Museum of the History of Polish Jews North American Council, New York, New York; and Ewa Junczyk-Ziomecka, Chancellery of the President of the Republic of Poland, and Ewa Wierzycka, Museum of the History of Polish Jews, both of Warsaw, Poland.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2008

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, the Federal Workforce, and the District of Columbia, to hold hearings to examine ways to reform the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) system, 10 a.m., SD-342.

House

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, hearing on Mental Health Overview, 9 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Seapower and Expeditionary Forces, hearing on Fiscal Year 2009 National Defense Authorization Budget Request for Navy Shipbuilding, 10 a.m., 2212 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Labor, hearing on Ensuring the Availability of Federal Student Loans, 9 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2176, To provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Bay Mills Indian Community; and H.R. 4115, To provide for and approve the settlement of certain land claims of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.